

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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## **AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The immunostimulating composition described in claim 1 wherein the immunogenic substance is an antigen and the antigen is pre-encapsulated into a conformationally stabilizing hydrophilic matrix consisting of an appropriate mono, di- or tri-saccharide or other carbohydrate substance by lyophilization prior to its final encapsulation into the PLGA microsphere by a solvent extraction process employing acetonitrile as the polymer solvent, mineral oil as the emulsion's external phase, and heptane as the extractant.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Burnett, et al.								Docket No. Army 105		
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Invention: VACCINE AGAINST INTRACELLULAR PATHOGENS USING ANTIGENS ENCAPSULATED WITHIN BIODEGRADABLE-BIOCOMPATIBLE MICROSPHERES  TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:										
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No additional fee is required for amendment.  ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  ☐ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0380  A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  ☐ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.  ☐ Dated: December 18, 2001  Signature  Caroline Nash, Reg. No. 36,329  Nash & Titus, LLC  3415 Brookeville Road, Suite 1000										
Brookeville, MD 20833 for: Elizabeth Arwine, Reg. No. 45,867 U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Fort Detrick, Md 21702-9223						I certify that this document and fee is being deposited december 18, 2001 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence  Caroline Nash				

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